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| INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.<br>PCT/EP2004/013458  | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE<br>26 November 2004                                       | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED<br>26 November 2003                       |  |  |  |  |
| TITLE OF INVENTION  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US   | DECORATIVE LAMINATE AND CORRESPONDING PRODUCTION METHOD  APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/FO/US  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Thomas C. Linnemann et al.  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:                                   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 1. This is a FIRST submission of items  | 1. This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371. |   |  |  |  |  |
| 2. X This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUEN  | IT submission of items concerning a su  | ubmission under 35 U.S.C. 371.                                  |  |  |  |  |
| This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 4. The US has been elected (Article 31  | ).  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 5. X A copy of the International Application  | on as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))  |   |  |  |  |  |
| a. is attached hereto (required only  | y if not communicated by the Internatio   | nal Bureau).  |  |  |  |  |
| b. has been communicated by the   | International Bureau.   |   |  |  |  |  |
| c. x is not required, as the applicatio   | n was filed in the United States Receiv   | ving Office (RO/US).  |  |  |  |  |
| 6. X An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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| b. x has been previously submitted u  | under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 7. x Amendments to the claims of the Inte   | ernational Application under PCT Artic  | le 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))                                     |  |  |  |  |
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| d. have not been made and will not be made.   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 8. An English language translation of the   | ne amendments to the claims under PC  | CT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).                            |  |  |  |  |
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| 12. An assignment document for recordi  | ing. A separate cover sheet in complia  | nce with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.                      |  |  |  |  |
| 13. A preliminary amendment.  |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 14. An Application Data Sheet under 37  | 7 CFR 1.76.   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 15. x A substitute specification.   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| 16. A power of attorney and/or change   | of address letter.  |   |  |  |  |  |
| 17. A computer-readable form of the se  | quence listing in accordance with PC  | T Rule 13 <i>ter.</i> 2 and 37 CFR 1.821 – 1.825.               |  |  |  |  |
| 18. A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
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